GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3951
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2007
BATHINDA REFINERY
Dhindsa Shri Sukhdev Singh;Gulshan Smt. Paramjit Kaur

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards news-item captioned `Bathinda refinery hits FDI roadblock` appeared in the daily `Tribune` dated March 31,2007;

(b) if so, whether the work on the refinery has been held up;

(c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(d) the present status of the construction work of the refinery alongwith the target fixed for completion,

(e) whether the completion work has been rescheduled

(f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the steps taken by the Government for timely completion of the work?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3951 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD MAY, 2007 ASKED BY SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA AND PARAMJIT KAUR GULSHAN

(a) Yes,Sir.

(b) to (d): M/s Engineers India Limited (EIL) have been appointed as the Project Management Consultant (PMC). M/s SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBICAP) have carried out the financial appraisal of the project and are the lead managers for debt syndication requirement for the project. The infrastructure works such as land development, boundary wall, site grading, internal roads and drainage, raw water supply,approach roads to refinery site etc. have been completed. Various other infrastructure works are being taken up. Selection of the process licensors for the licensed units is in progress. Basic Design Engineering Packages for the non-licensed units are under preparation by EIL. Detailed engineering work is in progress. Construction works for various buildings at refinery site are in progress.

(e) &(f): The project schedule, as worked out by EEL, is 48 months from the date of re-commencement of activities and is targeted for mechanical completion by September, 2010. Pursuant to the conclusion of `Deed of Assurance` with the Government of Punjab, the progress on the project is as per schedule.

(g) The progress of the project is being closely monitored so as to ensure its timely completion. In addition, annual targets have been set and incorporated in the `Memorandum of Understanding` signed with the companies.